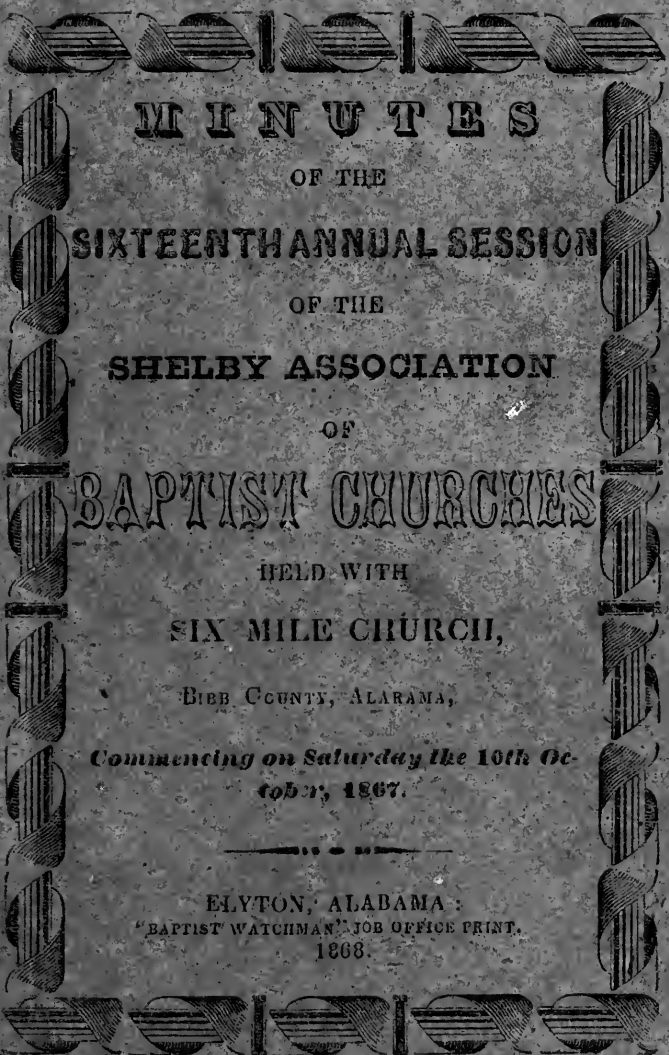


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MINUTES:

THE Delegates to the Shelby Association of Baptist Churches convened with Six Mile Church, Bibb county, Ala., on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1867.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder T. P. Holcomb, from 1st Peter, 4th chap., 11th verse; after which the delegates assembled in the Academy, not far off, and were called to order by calling Elder T. P. Holcomb to the chair (the former Moderator being absent) and the Association opened with prayer by brother Carden.

Letters from the churches were then called for, received and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows, viz.:

Bethesda—Loflin Quinn.

Liberty—T. P. Holcomb and J. H. R. Carden.

Mt. Calvary—Nathaniel Thomas, Blanton Moore and C. W. Oharo.

Beaver Creek—Wesley Armstrong and James A. Gould.

Mt Pleasant—Letter. No representation.

Friendship— " " "

Harmony— " " "

Cook's Springs—Levi Porry.

Pleasant Grove—D. A. Baker.

Providence—Moab Martin and R. M. Honeycutt.

Columbiana—John Harris, Wm. Davis and A. A. Sterrett.

Dogwood Grove—T. B. Dison, Hiram Holsonback, W. J. Dison and Daniel H Isomback.

Cahaba Valley—R. Wood, R. Owen, Sr., and Joseph Ferrington.

Concord—Letter. No representation.

New Antioch—Jackson Hatcher and Shelby Boothe.

Montevallo—John Pynor and Robt. Nolen.

Union, Bibb county—W. F. Delach, J. S. Delach and Jas. Lucas.

Six Mile—Wm. J. Peters, W. V. Arnold and Robert Goode.

Enon—Hiram McKinney and Stephen Johnson.

Mt. Pisgah—No representation.

Beulah— " " "

Mt Zion— " " "

The association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of T. P. Holcomb for Moderator and Wm. J. Peters, Clerk.

The following brethren were then appointed to arrange preaching: From the 3d district, Levi Perry; from the 2d Nathaniel Thomas; and from the 1st., T. B. Dison, with the Deacons of Six Mile church.

It was then moved and seconded that visiting brethren from other associations be invited to seats with us and received as correspondents, when W. B. Harraldson, from the Alabama Association, R. Keith and John Suttle, from the Cahaba, and also, Jordan Risinger and Joab Langston from Mulberry, with letter and minutes were received. Brother I. M. Hicks was also received from the Unity Association.

On motion, returned correspondence:

To the Canaan, J. H. R. Carden and Lottin Quinn, appointed Messengers.

To the Coosa River, J. H. R. Carden and Lottin Quinn.

To the Ten Islands, J. H. R. Carden and C. W. Ohara.

To the Mulberry, R Wood and W V Arnold.

To the Unity, Wm J Peters and T B Dison.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Documents—R Wood, J H R Carden, R Owens and Lottin Quinn.

On Finance—Nathaniel Thomas, Robert Nolen and David Baker.

A door was opened for the reception of newly constituted churches or churches from other associations—whereupon a letter from a newly constituted church of colored brethren at Shelby Springs, was presented. Some doubts existing, however, as to its orthodoxy, it was laid over till Monday.

Elder John Harris was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath. R Wood, alternate.

The association then adjourned, after singing and prayer, until Monday morning 9½ o'clock.

SABBATH.

On Sabbath the Missionary Sermon was preached according to previous appointment, by Elder J Harris, from a part of the 35th verse of the 8th chap. of the Acts of the Apostles: "And he began and preached unto him Jesus." After which a public collection was taken up, the amount of which you will find in the report of the committee on finance.

MONDAY.

Pursuant to adjournment the association met on Monday morning and opened by singing and prayer by brother N. Williams.

Called the roll and dropped the names of absentees.

Appointed J H R Carden to preach the next introductory sermon. T P Holcomb alternate.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Mt. Galvary church, commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1868.

The following churches, viz :—Concord, Friendship, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, Beulah, Mt Pleasant, Mt Pisgah and Cook's Springs, applied for letters of dismissal to form a new association, which were granted.

A motion was made and carried to appoint a brother to visit the different churches and arouse them on the subject of Home Missions, and to make what collections he may be able to do, and take such subscriptions as the people are willing to make for that purpose, and report to the next associational meeting.

J H R Carden was then assigned to that duty. R Wood, alternate.

The committee on documents make the following report.

We, your committee on documents, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that in the letter from New Antioch we find two queries:

First—Is it right to receive members from other sister churches without letters. We answer no.

Second— Is it right to refuse to receive a letter from a landmark church? In answer to this inquiry, we your committee advise the churches not to allow this to disturb their peace and harmony.— Your committee find further in the letter from Providence church that she has, contrary to the action of the association, withdrawn fellowship from Limeville church on account of principles held by D. T. Seale, which had the pastoral services of D. T. Seale the past associational year. We would respectfully report, that in our opinion she has acted inconsistently and in absence of a satisfactory explanation of her course, we recommend a similar course towards her that was adopted towards Limeville church. All of which were concurred in by the association.

On the report on Providence church, the delegates from that church made such explanation as to induce the association to appoint R. Wood, J. H. R. Carden and T. B. Dison a committee to visit the church and afford it an opportunity of giving an explanation and report to the next association.

On motion the case of Friendship church, of colored brethren a Shelby Springs, was taken up and considered and at the suggestion of the delegates, Martin Teague and Burwell Snow, it was taken under the watchcare of the association, and a committee consisting of R. Wood and J. H. R. Carden to visit it and examine into its constitution and report to the next association.

On motion a committee of two, consisting of J. H. R. Carden and Westly Armstrong, be appointed to wait on Mt. Zion church and inquire into the reason why she has not represented herself in the association and report to the next association.

On motion, ordered that the clerk superintend the printing, that he have five hundred copies printed and that he retain seventy-five for correspondence and that he receive twenty dollars for his services.

Appointed brother Robt. Nolen distributing agent for the first district and brother Nathaniel Thomas for the second.

The committee on finance make the following report: Six dollars and eighty-five cents collected on Sabbath for missionary services, and thirty-one dollars sent up by the churches for minutes and eight dollars for associational purposes. Subscriptions on Sunday for missionary purposes forty-three dollars; and on Monday sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents were pledged by the brethren.

Resolved, That this association return thanks to the brethren and friends of Six mile church and community for their hospitality during the session.

T. P. HOLCOM, MODERATOR.

W. M. J. PETERS, Clerk.

A resolution was adopted to insert the following Obituary notice of brother J. R. Gilbert.

Elder J. R. Gilbert was born in Spartinburg district South Carolina, November the 23rd, 1797, and died September the 5th 1867, aged 69 years 9 months and 12 days. Brother Gilbert was baptised into the fellowship of Bethel church in 1822. and in 1828 he moved to Alabama and joined Bethel church. In 1846 he drew a letter and with members from other churches organized Liberty church. When brother Gilbert became a member of Liberty church, he exercised publicly as an exhorter, and on the 2d of October 1847, was licensed to preach the Gospel, and on the 5th Sunday in May 1853, was ordained to the ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Brother Gilbert was a man of unblemished christian character, as he lived so he died in the faith of the Gospel of Christ ; his end was peace.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS NAMES	P. O'S.
Bethesda	W M. W ARMSTRONG	Columbiana
Liberty	T P HOLCOMB	"
Mt. Calvary	"	"
Beaver Creek	W W ARMSTRONG	
Mt. Pleasant	J E HOLT	
Friendship	W M McLAUGHLIN	
Harmony	J E HOLT	
Cook's Springs	I L BRASHER & A WIATT	
Pleasant Grove		
Providence		
Columbiana	JOHN HARRIS	Columbiana
Dogwood Grove	W M McLAUGHLIN	Montevallo
Cahaba Valley	R WOOD	"
Concord	ASA WIATT	Montevallo
New Antioch	W F DELACH	"
Montevallo	JOHN HARRIS	"
Union	W F DELACH	"
Six Mile	R WOOD	
Enon	R WOOD	Centreville

Contributions for Minutes and Associa'l purposes.

\$ cts

Total.	63	2 00
Dead.	3	1 1
Restored.	1	1 1
Excluded.	4	7 4
Dismiss'd by let'r	13	9 1
Rec'd by letter.	1	1 1
Baptised.	2	2 25
Sab. of Meeting.	1	2 8
	2	15 21
	3	4 1
	4	4 34
	1	6 8
	3	11 2
	1	4 5
	2	10 4

Mt. Pisgah



